

## Year 3 Autumn Term – Ancient Egypt

### Timeline

6000 BC: Early people settled in the Nile valley

5000 BC: Egyptians grew crops on the fertile land on the Nile valley

3500 BC: Hieroglyphic symbols were used

2500 BC: Egyptians built the Great Sphinx and the Great Pyramid at Giza

1550 BC: Royal tombs at the Valley of the Kings were built

332 BC: Egypt was invaded and was ruled by the Greeks

### Key Vocabulary

Amulet	A charm worn that the Ancient Egyptians thought had magical powers
Archaeologist	A person that studies ancient civilisations from the remains of their buildings and artefacts
Canopic Jars	Special jars that held the organs of a mummy
Egyptologist	An archaeologist who specialises in Ancient Egypt
Hieroglyphics	A type of writing used by the Ancient Egyptians
Nile	The river that flows through Egypt and was very important to the Ancient Egyptians
Pharaoh	The supreme ruler of all of Ancient Egypt
Sarcophagus	A large stone box that held a mummy's coffin
Sphinx	A mythological beast with the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh

### Interesting facts

- Most Egyptian pyramids were built as tombs for the pharaohs
- Tutankhamun was buried in the Valley of the Kings. His face was covered with a gold death mask
- The Ancient Egyptians believed in the afterlife and this was the reason dead bodies were mummified
- Cats were sacred to the Ancient Egyptians



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**Egypt** is in the **desert**. It is very **hot** in the desert. In this picture, you can see the **pyramids**. They are very famous. They were built as **tombs** for very important people called **pharaohs**.



This is a very famous pharaoh called **Tutankhamun**. His **coffin** is decorated with lots of **pictures** and is painted **gold** and **blue**.



The Ancient Egyptians loved **cats**. What is your favourite animal?



This is the **River Nile**. It flows through Egypt.

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